THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) In the Madras and Delhi Editions of the Hindu dated 10.7.87 no report of any call given by the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister for total self-reliance in developing country's defence requirements could be located. However, it may be mentioned that a fair degree of self-reliance in the manufacture of conventional weapons and ammunitions exists within the country. In the area of sophisticated weapons and ammunitions efforts are continuously made to increase indigenous capability.

It would not be in the public interest to disclose the details.

Installation of T.V. relay centre at Udagiri in A.P.

2043. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to start a T.V. relay centre at Udagiri Hills in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details of the survey and whether Government consider it feasible to start a T.V. relay station there; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A 100 W TV transmitter is, at present, functioning at Nellore. TV service in Nellore district is expected to improve with the commissioning of a High Power (10 KW) TV transmitter at Tirupati towards the end of the Seventh Plan period. Provision of TV service to the remaining uncovered parts of Nellore district including Udagiri would depend upon availability of resources in the future plans of TV expansion.

Amount borrowed under extended fund facility

2044. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount borrowed under the extended fund facility (EFF) and the trust fund administered by the IMF since 1980 to 1985;

(b) whether it is a fact that these borrowings from the IMF are proving too costly with the obligations in rupee terms going up following the depreciation of the rupee against the SDR; and

(c) if so, the amounts re-paid till June 30, 1987 and the steps taken by Government for quick re-payments to IMF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (c)

PURCHASES UNDER EFF

India had drawn SDR 3900 million (equivalent to Rs. 4115.19 crores at the then prevailing rate) from IMF under the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) during the period November 1981 to April 1984. The drawals under EFF were in the form of purchase of SDRs or other foreign currencies against Indian rupee which were deposited into IMF account with RBI at exchange rate prevailing on the dates of each drawal.

The drawals from IMF under EFF were in SDRs and the repayments are also made in SDRs. The rupee amounts corresponding to these transactions which are credited/debited by RBI to IMF account maintained by them at the exchange rates prevailing on the dates of drawal/repayments are relevant only for account-purposes.